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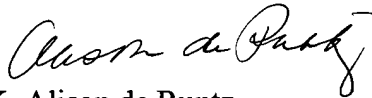
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An Amendment to correct the Related U.S. Application Data was filed with the USPTO on December 2, 2004. Copies of pertinent pages of the Amendment and the postcard stamped received by the USPTO is attached.

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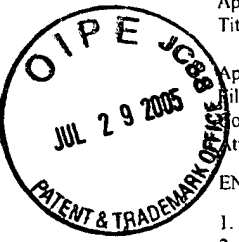
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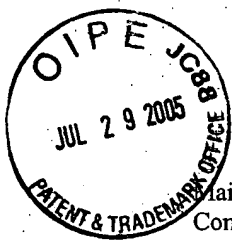
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Dear Sir:

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to an office action that was mailed on July 2, 2004 and set a shortened statutory period for response that expired on October 2, 2004. A request for a two-month extension of time is submitted herewith. In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Specification:

Please delete the title on line 1 of page 1 and line 1 of page 21 of the specification and replace it with the replacement title set forth below, which is marked to show the changes being made.

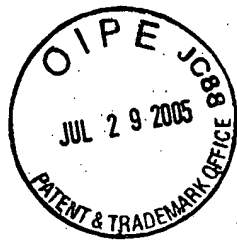
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Please delete line 2 of page 1 of the specification and replace it with the replacement text set forth below, which is marked to show the changes being made.

Inventors: Benjamin M. Rush and Christopher V. Reggiardo

Please delete paragraph [0001] on page 1 of the specification and replace it with the replacement paragraph set forth below, which is marked to show the changes being made.

[0001] This non-provisional application is related to and claims priority based on U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/417,464, entitled "Disposable Pump For Drug Delivery System," filed on October 9, 2002, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/424,613, entitled "Disposable Pump And Actuation Circuit For Drug Delivery System," filed on November 6, 2002, ~~and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/424,414, entitled "Automatic Biological Analyte Testing Meter With Integrated Lancing Device And Methods Of Use,"~~ filed November 6, 2002, each of which is incorporated herein in its entirety by this reference. This non-provisional application is also related to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/424,414, entitled "Automatic Biological Analyte Testing Meter With Integrated Lancing Device And Methods Of Use," filed November 6, 2002, and U.S. Patent No. 6,560,471, entitled "Analyte Monitoring Device and Methods of Use," issued May 6, 2003, each of which is incorporated herein in its entirety by this reference.



REMARKS

The Examiner's indication that all of the items listed on Form PTO-1449 of the Information Disclosure Statement of April 27, 2004 have been considered is acknowledged and much appreciated.

The Examiner objected to Figures 1A, 2A, and 7, a portion of paragraph [0045] of the specification, and the title set forth in the specification. It is believed that the amendments and remarks herein regarding Figures 1A, 2A and 7, and associated portions of the specification, paragraph [0045], and the title set forth in the specification, appropriately address the Examiner's objections. Other amendments to the Figures and the specification are also remarked upon below.

The Examiner objected to the title set forth in the specification. The specification has been amended to replace the title with a new title, which is believed appropriate in that the claims are directed to a pumping device or system (see new Claims 11-48) and a method of pumping (see new Claims 49-51 and new Claims 52-56), each of which employs a shape memory alloy.

The specification has been amended to replace text concerning the inventors with text that reflects the middle initial of one of the inventors.

The specification has been amended in paragraph [0001] to reflect a claim of priority to only two provisional applications. The reference to a third provisional application and its incorporation by reference is maintained, but this third provisional application is not a basis for the claim of priority. No new matter has been added by virtue of this amendment.

The specification has additionally been amended in paragraph [0008] to correct an obvious typographical oversight. No new matter has been added by virtue of this amendment.

The specification has been amended in paragraph [0037] to refer to reference numbers for the cylindrical bore and the piston discussed in paragraph [0037] and shown in Figure 2A, as is consistent with the replacement Figure 2A, as further discussed herein. No new matter has been added by virtue of this amendment.

The specification has additionally been amended in paragraph [0045] to correct various oversights concerning the reference numbers that originally appeared in that paragraph.

The specification has been further amended in paragraph [0047] to refer to the remainder of the first alternative embodiment of the invention, as shown in Figure 7. As



It is believed that all of the objections to the drawings and to the specification have been appropriately addressed.

The claims have been amended to cancel original Claims 1-10 and add new Claims 11-56, which are directed to subject matter that Applicants regard as their invention. No new matter has been added by virtue of these amendments.

Former Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,62,482 to Lee (hereinafter, "Lee"). Former Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,085,871 to Karamata (hereinafter, "Karamata"). Former Claims 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), as allegedly being anticipated by Lee. Former Claims 3 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), as allegedly being unpatentable over Lee. Each of the foregoing rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of the former claims. In view of the mootness of the above-mentioned rejections, no comments on any of same or any statement in support of same are necessary or provided herein.

New Claims 11-56 are believed to be patentable over each of Lee and Karamata. Each of Lee and Karamata fails to teach or suggest a device for pumping a predetermined volume of fluid that comprises a combination of elements as recited in new Claims 11-48, and fails to teach or suggest a method of pumping a predetermined volume of fluid that comprises a combination of elements as recited in new Claims 49-51 and 52-56.

CONCLUSION

Claims 11-56 define novel and non-obvious subject matter of the present invention. Therefore, an early notification that the application is in condition for allowance is earnestly solicited.

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